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SUBJECT: NIMETZ VISIT TO CYPRUS

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1. EMBOFF AUGUST 24 INFORMED INAL BATU, MFA DIRECTOR OF GREECE-CYPRUS DEPARTMENT, OF NIMETZ VISIT TO NICOSIA. WE STRESSED THAT NIMETZ WOULD NOT BE BRINGING NEW US PROPOSALS OR ACTING AS A MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE PARTIES. ASKED WHY NIMETZ WAS COMING AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME, EMBOFF (PECK) SAID IT WAS HIS PERSONAL IMPRESSION THAT ONE PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO TRY TO TALK KYPRIANOU OUT OF A RECOURSE TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL LATER IN SEPTEMBER.

2. BATU ASKED A NUMBER OF QUESTIONS WHICH INDICATED SOME CONCERN THAT NIMETZ MIGHT ATTEMPT TO ACT AS A GO-BETWEEN BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. BATU SAID AN EFFORT TO GET THE TURKISH SIDE TO IMPROVE ITS PRESENT PROPOSALS DURING NIMETZ'S STAY ON THE ISLAND WOULD NOT GO DOWN WELL WITH DENKTASH. ASKED WHETHER NIMETZ MIGHT WANT TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE MEETING WITH DENKTASH. EMBOFF SAID THAT, IN
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ADDITION TO AN INITIAL MEETING BEING REQUESTED BY OUR EMBASSY IN NICOSIA, NIMETZ MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN TALKING WITH DENKTASH IN A MORE RELAXED FASHION IF TIME PERMITTED.

3. BATU SEEMED GENERALLY RELAXED ABOUT NIMETZ VISIT BUT ADDED SOMEWHAT FACETIOUSLY THAT TIMING COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER. HE THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TO CALL THE TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO

CYPRUS BACK FROM LONDON (WHERE HE HAS GONE TO PUT HIS SON
IN SCHOOL). HE ALSO WONDERED IF HE SHOULDN'T CANCEL HIS OWN
LEAVE PLANS SINCE HE FELT HE PROBABLY OUGHT TO BE IN ANKARA
IN CASE --HE ADDED WITH A BROAD GRIN -- DENKTASH ASKED FOR
"INSTRUCTIONS".
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